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# Who Am I

Origins Y6

1) Professor at U. of So Miami

France

Canada

Monte immigrants

2) President of Lemiston

3) Parishioners of Sts Peter + Paul

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4) Franco-American

Bridges +

Pathways

## How am I Franco-American

Exhibit A cf grand parents - came age 8-16 in 1870s + 1880s

PHILIPAS Giguère Postman (1870's)

DOMITILLE Morcow Interpreter, boarding house  
↓ Montreal

4 serving children  
15-16

deg 41 ARSENE Coille - 8 arm hand - grocer, police chief, auto dealer  
Flende Dostie - mill hand until marriage at age 25  
lived to 95

# What did they have in common?

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1) RUSSIAN Origins

2) FRENCH in Culture language

3) Catholic

4) No Am. Origin - i.e. Canadian

## Re ⑬ Rural

All became urban - small industrial towns

- attracted by job opportunities  
& fellow Canadians

all - Mill work

women left at marriage

- men → police chief, grocer,  
postman -

CHILDREN - Remained in Urban Area - Urban Gcc - Not Mill work  
Grand children - 1 County reading - " "  
great Grand children - " "



## ② French language

(4 of them)

Gr. parents - All but 1 learned English for job  
- yet lived lives in French

(12 of them)

Parents - Bilingual - speak - read - write

(12 of them) →

- lived mostly in French

my →

Gr. Children - English Speaking with French Gloss  
SPEAK - it in intimate life  
- some public use

(13 of them) Gr. Grand Children -

Do not as a whole understand it -  
Not taught it

Some have some school French



### ③ Catholicism

③/16

g statistics

exhibits

C papal benediction

IMMIGRANTS - make active in church societies,  
practicing  
believers

CHILDREN

practice 2 + 1 nuns  
Catholic Schools

GRAND CHILDREN

10/10 went to Catholic grade school  
practice or not

Religion not important to them  
yet most remain in Church  
some not

no one has joined another church

GREAT GRAND CHILDREN

- only some go to church  
or ~~are~~ confirmed
- all are baptised

#### 4 Attitude toward Fr. Canada

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Grand parents - IMMIGRANTS

Ambivalent + + -

Greeks generally thought  
as backward

- Did not want to go back - children <sup>in some</sup>
- one family did some visiting <sup>some</sup> others was visited - shrive
- sent children to Canada for College

CHILDREN -

home country but backwards  
2 visited fairly often  
Others less so  
Some not at all

GRAND CHILDREN

- not much interested - 1 exception
  - some favorable disposed
  - others are not
- interest in Canadian hockey & Canadian legends

GREAT GRAND CHILDREN -

little

Cable TV  
keeps up ties



# CONCLUSION

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- ① re rural - Small town person - urban occupation
- ② re French - Ambivalent all my life <sup>study - effort</sup>  
not sustained  
- Use French every day - find it diff to live in Fr <sup>all the</sup> times
- ③ re Catholic - practicing - part of life style
- ④ re No. Am. Origin -  
among Foreign Areas  
Quebec has preferred place  
in my heart  
Know I have a homeland  
proud of that heritage +  
the Giguères



<sup>m(23)</sup>  
Simon  
Coilker (72)  
1 child

<sup>m(27)</sup>  
Ernest  
Coilker (43)  
9 children

<sup>m(28)</sup>  
Arsene  
Coilker (61)  
12

\* <sup>m(28)</sup>  
Oscar  
Coilker (48)  
not married

Archie  
Paradis (42)  
~~unmarried~~

Rene  
Dupuis  
~~unmarried~~  
3 wives

Alphonse  
<sup>m(23)</sup>  
(Ernest's wife)

<sup>m(38)</sup>  
Oliver  
Coilker  
Dupuis (52)  
1 stillborn

Note  
Hannah  
(same n.p.)  
interethnic  
marriage

Francois Coilker (69)  
12 children  
2 died as infants  
1 at fourteen  
9 survived to adulthood

\* <sup>m(25)</sup>  
Aldee Coilker  
Lemieux (51)  
① child died  
in infancy  
divorce

<sup>m(21)</sup>  
Leonie  
Coilker  
Paradis (51)  
2 children  
1 died at 6

Louise  
Coilker (72)  
unmarried

3/8 unmarried  
5/8 married  
2/5 large families  
2/5 small families  
1/5 infant died  
1 interethnic marriage  
1 divorce

Migrated between 1876-1880  
Pictures taken between 1903-1907  
\* America Ben

$$\frac{24 \text{ children}}{9} = 2.66$$